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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF CAPTURED AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT

REF: A) ADDIS ABABA 0667; B) ADDIS ABABA 821

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD ARE SEEKING TO TRACE ORIGIN
OF JEEPS AND 106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLES REPORTED REF A AS
BEING CAPTURED IN OGADEN BY ETHIOPIANS.

2. IN 1954 THE US ARMY PROVIDED TO A US MANUFACTURER
A SERIES OF NUMBERS THAT WOULD HAVE INCLUDED THOSE
LISTED IN REFTEL A FOR UTILIZATION ON 106 MM RECOILLESS
RIFLES (RR). SERIAL NUMBERS FOR US ARMY RR WOULD NOT RPT
NOT HAVE CONTAINED LETTERS BUT THE MANUFACTURER FOR
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PRODUCTION CONTROL PURPOSES MIGHT RPT MIGHT HAVE INCLUDED
THE LETTER "E" (FYI: MAYBE TO INDICATE COUNTRY--PERHAPS
ETHIOPIA ITSELF). THE SUBJECT MANUFACTURING COMPANY
WAS SOLD TWELVE YEARS AGO, IS NO LONGER IN WEAPONS
PRODUCTION AND DOES NOT RETAIN FILES FOR THAT PERIOD.

THE 106 MM RR THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THESE SERIAL

NUMBERS WOULD HAVE BEEN SHIPPED TO THE PHILADELPHIA
ORDNANCE PLANT THAT WAS CLOSED IN 1962. ATTEMPTS TO

LOCATE THE FILES OF THE PHILADELPHIA PLANT FOR THE
SUBJECT PERIOD HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNFRUITFUL; HOWEVER,
THE SEARCH CONTINUES.

3. THE SERIAL NUMBERS OF THE JEEPS WOULD INDICATE
THAT THEY WERE MADE FOR COMMERCIAL SALE. THE JEEP
SERIAL NUMBERS SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY A LETTER J AND
A NUMBER, EITHER 5, 6, 7, OR 8, TO INDICATE THE YEAR
THAT IT WAS MADE AS THESE SERIAL NUMBERS HAVE ONLY BEEN
UTILIZED IN THE YEARS 1975-78. ALL THE JEEPS HOLDING
THESE SERIAL NUMBERS WERE INITIALLY SHIPPED TO LOCAL US
DEALERS BUT THIS WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THEIR COMMERCIAL
EXPORT OVERSEAS.

4. IF THE SEARCH FOR THE FILES OF THE PHILADELPHIA
PLANT IS PRODUCTIVE THE RESULTS WILL BE PROVIDED;
HOWEVER, THE ADDITIONAL PORTION OF THE JEEP SERIAL
NUMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY OTHER RESEARCH
CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. VANCE

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